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C. W. FULTON,

Captain Co. H.

PREAMBLE.

We, the members of Company "H," First Regiment Infantry, O. S. M., ^{H. C.} in order to form a more perfect military organization, insure prosperity and success, and provide pecuniary support for our association, do establish this code of By-Laws.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

MILITARY ORGANIZATION AND UNIFORM.

SECTION 1. The organization of this Company shall be strictly military, and in accordance with the laws governing the military forces of the State, and the orders and regulations from Regimental Headquarters.

SEC. 2. The uniform and equipments shall be in strict conformity with the uniform prescribed by U. S. army regulation.

SEC. 3. This company shall be known by the name and style "Company 'H,' First Regiment Infantry, O.

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ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP AND ELECTIONS.

SECTION 1. In addition to the qualifications required for enlistment under the State Laws of Oregon, an applicant for membership must be at least five feet six inches in height, be of good moral character, and have a good physical constitution.

SEC. 2. If an applicant for membership shall have been formerly a member of any military organization, he shall satisfy the Committee of his good standing therein.

SEC. 3. The name, age, height, occupation, place of business and residence of the candidate, shall be handed in writing to the Recruiting Committee by the proposing member and signed by the applicant. The Committee shall at once post on the Company bulletin a notice containing the name of the candidate and member proposing

him, such notice to remain so posted for two weeks.

SEC. 4. Members may be elected at any regular or special meeting, provided the requirements of the preceding sections have been complied with. Voting shall be by ballot, and three blackballs shall exclude the candidate.

SEC. 5. All members shall be enrolled for the term of three years.

ARTICLE III.

MILITARY ORGANIZATION.

The commissioned officers of this Company shall consist of Captain, one First and one Second Lieutenant, all of whom shall be elected by the members of the Company according to the laws of the State. They shall be elected at the annual meeting and hold office for one year.

ARTICLE IV.

The non-commissioned officers shall consist of one Quartermaster Sergeant, one First or Orderly Sergeant, four Duty Sergeants and four Corporals, who shall be appointed by the Commandant, and shall hold office during the pleasure of the Commandant.

ARTICLE V.

The Company shall consist of the commissioned officers and non-commissioned mentioned in Article III. and IV. of these By-Laws, two musicians, and privates not exceeding one hundred members, as the Company may determine.

ARTICLE VI.

It shall be the duty of the Captain to command at all military drills and parades of the Company; he shall be responsible for the safe keeping of all the arms, accouterments and property of the Company, shall have

charge of the Armory, and shall cause all arms and accouterments received from time to time for the use of his Company to be deposited therein; shall see that the Laws and Resolutions of the Company are complied with, and perform such other duties, if not incompatible with the Laws and Constitution of this State, or with these By-Laws, as belong to a Captain in the Regular Army of the United States. In the absence of the Captain his duties shall devolve upon the senior commissioned officer present.

ARTICLE VII.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of each member to attend all parades, drills and meetings of the Company, to pay his dues at each quarterly meeting, to keep his uniform and equipments in good order and condition, to report to the Commandant through the 1st Sergeant when about to leave the city for more than one week, to notify him of any change he may make in his place of business or residence, and when the death of a member comes to his knowledge to report it immediately to the Commandant. No grace shall be allowed when ordered to meet; the roll shall be called at the time designated; no swearing, loud talking, trifling actions or ungentlemanly conversation shall be allowed at any meeting, whether in uniform or not. Disrespectful or reproachful language shall be avoided, and everything conducted with good feeling and harmony. The dignity of the corps must be kept always in view, and established by the dignified deportment of the members. Obedience and subordination, neatness and cleanliness in dress are essentially necessary to the ends of discipline and the respectability of a military corps.

ARTICLE VIII.

DRILLS AND MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. There shall be weekly drills of the Com-

pany on Wednesday evening of each week. Roll call at 8:15 o'clock. Special drills may be ordered by the Commandant at any time.

SEC. 2. Regular business meetings shall be held on the last Wednesday evening of March, June, September and December, at which the roll will be called at 8 o'clock by the senior non-commissioned officer present. The meeting in June shall be the annual meeting. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Commandant, or by resolution, or on the written request of five active members.

SEC. 3. At every meeting a commissioned or non-commissioned officer and ten members of the Company shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 4. At each regular meeting the order of business shall be as follows:

- 1st. Roll call.
- 2d. Reading minutes preceding meeting.
- 3d. Report of Recruiting Committee; election and introduction of recruits.
- 4th. Liquidation of accounts.
- 5th. Reports of Civil Officers.
- 6th. Reports of Standing Committees.
- 7th. Reports of Special Committees.
- 8th. Unfinished business.
- 9th. Original business.
- 10th. Adjournment.

ARTICLE IX.

CIVIL ORGANIZATION.

SECTION 1. The civil organization of the Company shall consist of the following officers and standing committees:

A President, to be the Commandant.

A Recording Secretary.

A Financial Secretary.

An Historian.

A Treasurer.

A Committee on Discipline, to consist of one commissioned officer, one non-commissioned officer and one private.

An Armory Committee, to consist of the Quartermaster Sergeant and two privates.

A Recruiting Committee, to consist of three members, one to be a commissioned officer.

A Finance Committee, to consist of three members.

A Dress Committee, to consist of the Second Lieutenant, Third and Fourth Sergeants.

A Standing Committee, to consist of the Finance Committee, Recording Secretary and First Sergeant.

SEC. 2. The President is constituted (*ex-officio*) a member of all committees.

SEC. 3. The Civil Officers and members of Committees not otherwise selected, shall be chosen at the annual meeting and hold office for one year or until their successors are elected. Vacancies may be filled at any meeting. At all elections voting shall be by ballot.

SEC. 4. No member of this Company shall be appointed to serve on two or more special committees at the same time.

SEC. 5. All Civil Officers elected by the Company shall be nominated by a committee of five, appointed at the March meeting, and the names of the nominees shall be posted on the Company bulletin at least one month before election.

ARTICLE X.

DUTIES OF MEMBERS, OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. Each recruit shall sign the Company roll and report to the Commandant for duty within ten days after receiving notice of election

SEC. 2. Every member shall notify the First Sergeant in writing, of any change in his residence or place of business within five days after such change, or when leaving the city for more than two weeks.

SEC. 3. Members must attend the regularly specified drills and meetings of the Company, and when subject to fines or penalties, the regular meetings of the Committee on Discipline.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Company. In his absence the senior commissioned or non-commissioned officer present shall preside.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary, in addition to acting as Secretary of the meetings, to notify recruits of their election, furnish each with a copy of the By-Laws, prepare their Certificates of Membership; enter upon the roll of honorary members the names of such as have been elected, with the date of their election: attend all meetings of the Committee of Discipline and act as clerk to the same; notify members of the business meetings of the Company, and have his records at all business meetings.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the Financial Secretary to keep the individual accounts of members; collect all fines and dues and pay over the amount collected to the Treasurer taking his receipt therefor, which receipt shall be a sufficient voucher; make out all accounts;

report to the Committee on Discipline all members three months in arrears for dues, and have his books at all business meetings. His books shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Finance Committee.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the Historian to keep a careful and complete history of the Company; to collect and preserve all matters of interest connected with it, and to make a report at the annual meeting.

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a correct account of all moneys received; pay all bills audited by the Finance Committee; make a detailed report of the finances at each regular Company meeting; and have his books at all business meetings.

SEC. 9. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Discipline to take cognizance of all cases arising from a violation of these By-Laws. It shall hold meetings immediately after each regular Company meeting, and at such other times as may be deemed necessary.

SEC. 10. It shall be the duty of the Armory Committee to take charge of the rooms, furniture, uniforms, arms, equipments, and other property of the Company, and keep the same in order, and make quarterly reports to the Company of same.

SEC. 11. It shall be the duty of the Recruiting Committee when a candidate shall be presented, to inquire carefully into his qualifications for membership, and make a detailed report to the Company on such applicant.

SEC. 12. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to examine the books and accounts of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer, and report on the same at each regular meeting; to examine and audit all bills presented

for payment, as authorized by the Company.

SEC. 13. It shall be the duty of the Dress Committee to inspect the uniforms and equipments of the members, and report to the Committee on Discipline any member who appears for drill or parade with uniform or equipments in a soiled or defective condition. The Committee will also inspect the complete uniform of every member of the recruit class, before being transferred to the ranks of the Company, and make report thereon to the Commandant.

SEC. 14. It shall be the duty of the Standing Committee to make all contracts and purchases, as authorized by the Company, and perform such other duties as may be referred to it.

SEC. 15. It shall be the duty of the First Sergeant to keep a correct roster of the members of the Company, with the residence and place of business of each; to furnish the Recording Secretary, officers and non-commissioned officers with a complete copy thereof, and furnish the non-commissioned officers within ten days after their election with a roll of their respective squads; to notify on the first of each month all entitled to a copy of the roll, of any changes therein; to note delinquencies under the By-Laws, and attend all meetings of the Committee on Discipline. He shall move for the expulsion of members when directed so to do by the Committee on Discipline.

SEC. 16. It shall be the duty of the non-commissioned officers (Quartermaster Sergeant excepted) to serve all orders and notices, each of whom shall serve his respective squad as provided by law. In case of his inability so to do, or of his intention of leaving the city for more

than three days, he shall immediately give notice to the First Sergeant. It shall also be the duty of the non-commissioned officers to keep a correct roster of the members, together with their residences and places of business; also a list of their respective squads.

SEC. 17. Members who have served the term of enlistment, and who are entitled to an honorable discharge, may continue to serve as privates by performing sixty per cent. a month of the Company drills, and full duty under Regimental orders.

ARTICLE IX.

DUES AND ASSESSMENTS.

SECTION 1. For defraying the necessary expenses of the Company, each member shall pay into the Treasury one dollar and fifty cents per quarter in advance, or such sum as may be determined upon at the annual meeting.

SEC. 2. No assessment shall be laid directly or indirectly except at a regular meeting, two thirds of the members being present, and three-fourths of those present voting therefor.

ARTICLE XII.

FINES AND PENALTIES.

SECTION 1. The Committee on Discipline shall have power to impose fines and penalties as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 2. For absence from any business meeting of the Company.

For absence from Company formation, but appearing within 15 minutes thereafter.

For leaving any Company meeting without permission from the presiding officer.

A fine of fifty cents for each offence.

SEC. 3. For absence from Company or squad drill,

For appearing more than fifteen minutes after Company formation.

For non-attendance before the Committee on Discipline when regularly summoned.

For non-attendance by a member of a Standing Committee at any meeting of his Committee when regularly called by the chairman.

For failure to notify the First Sergeant of change of address, as provided in Section 2, Article X.

For appearing at drill or parade deficient in uniform or equipments, or with the same in a soiled condition.

A fine of one dollar for each offence.

SEC. 4. For neglect of their prescribed duties by any of the Civil Officers or the members of the Standing Committee of the Company.

For neglect of the First Sergeant to perform any of his duties as herein prescribed.

For failure on the part of the senior non-commissioned officer present at any meeting, drill or parade, to have a copy of the roll, or to make a proper return of all delinquencies at such meeting, drill or parade.

For the neglect or refusal of any non-commissioned officer to perform his duties as herein prescribed.

A fine not exceeding five dollars, in the discretion of the Committee on Discipline for each offence.

SEC. 5. For disobeying any order or command given by proper authority.

For leaving the ranks at any drill or parade without permission from proper authority.

For intoxication, or for conduct reflecting on the credit of the Company.

For ungentlemanly or unsoldierly conduct.

For every non-observance of these By-Laws for which a fine is not hereinbefore provided.

A fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars, in the discretion of the Committee on Discipline, for each offence.

SEC. 6. For giving a certificate of discharge or transfer to any member in arrears for dues, fines or assessments, the Commandant shall be responsible for the amount thereof.

SEC. 7. For absence without good and sufficient excuse from two successive drills, or two drills during a month; for being three months in arrears upon the books of the Financial Secretary; or for non-observance of any of the provisions of these By-Laws for which fines are herein specified, the Committee on Discipline shall have power, in addition to imposing the fines and penalties before provided, to report the delinquent or offending member to the Company for expulsion.

SEC. 8. The power to excuse members for absence from drills or for other omissions of duty, shall be vested only in the Committee on Discipline, subject to review on appeal to the Company. Any member shall have the right to appeal from any decision of the Committee on Discipline to the Company at any regular meeting thereof, but it shall require the consent of two-thirds of the members present to set aside such decision.

ARTICLE XIII.

EXPULSIONS.

SECTION 1. The Company shall have power to expel, by a legal vote in favor thereof, any member who may refuse to fulfil the terms and conditions of his enlistment by a strict and honorable compliance with these By-Laws.

SEC. 2. When a member shall have by his delinquencies rendered himself liable to expulsion, he may be expelled by a two-third vote of the Company without notice. If present, he may be heard in his own defence, but shall not be present upon the taking of the vote upon his expulsion. Such action to be taken at any regular meeting of the Company.

SEC. 3. Any person who has been expelled from membership, shall not be eligible to re-election, and such expulsion shall in all cases be published in order.

ARTICLE XIV.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. Every member of this Company who shall have served the full time required by law, and shall have received a certificate of honorable discharge, may be elected an honorary member of the Company. Election to be by ballot, and a two-thirds vote of the members present shall be necessary to such election.

SEC. 2. Honorary members may be placed upon the squad rolls, and served with Company orders and notices. on personal application to the First Sergeant; but the name of any honorary member may be erased from the Company and squad rolls by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting.

ARTICLE XV.

DEATH OF MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. In case of the death of a member of the Company, it shall be the duty of any member having knowledge thereof to notify the Commandant without delay, whereupon he shall notify the members to attend the funeral in citizen's dress, or, if desired by the family of the deceased, direct a parade.

SEC. 2. In case of the death of a member of this Company, the First Sergeant is empowered without further action to expend a sum not to exceed five dollars for flowers, to be sent to the funeral in behalf of the Company, and the Treasurer is authorized to pay for the same when the bill is audited by the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE XVI.

AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to these By-Law can be made only at regular business meetings of the Company, and no alteration shall be made unless it shall have been proposed at a regular meeting and laid over to the next regular business meeting, when, if two-thirds of the members of the Company concur therein, it shall be adopted. These By-Laws are not to be suspended except by a vote of two-thirds of those present.

ARTICLE XVII.

The foregoing By-Laws to take effect from July 3, 1885.

Co. H, 1st Regiment, 2d Brigade, O.N.G.

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Financial Secretary.

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